Keeping in view the overall dimensions of left wing extremist activities in some States a high level Coordination Centre headed by the Union Home Secretary regularly reviews and monitors the plan of action in respect of each State.

The Government also provides financial support and Central Para Military Forces, as and when required by the naxalite affected States.

Adequate representation of Minorities in Police Force

134. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Commission for Minorities and National Integration Council have recommended for adequ. epresentation of Minorities in Police Force;

(b) if so, the action taken to implement the said recommendations; and

(c) the percentage of Muslims in CRPF, RAF and BSF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no reservation in services based on religion. However, all possible steps are taken to ensure that the candidates belonging to minorities are sufficiently motivated to come forward for appointment to police organizations. The Government had advised the Central Para-Military Forces to ensure sufficient representation to minorities through making the minority community candidates aware of the employment opportunities/recruitment programme and the incentives/prospects available in these Forces. Recruitment Boards have also been advised to send special information to the minority community run institutions/organizations with a request to encourage candidates from these communities to apply for the recruitment in Central Para-Military Forces.

(c) The percentage of Muslims in CRPF (including RAF which is a part of CRPF) is 5.5% and in BSF it is 5.85%.

Review of the progress of national project on bio-gas development in A.P.

135. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have reviewed the progress of national project on bio-gas development in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and shortcomings noticed therein; and

(c) the corrective measures being taken to remove the shortcomings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Progress of National Project on Biogas Development (NPBD), which caters to family type biogas plants, has been reviewed for all States and Union Territories, including Andhra Pradesh, on a monthly basis and also in the Regional Meeting on Rural Energy held in Bangalore on 29-30 January, 2002 and in the Annual Conference held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 7-8 May, 2002. Shortcomings noticed in the implementation of NPBD in Andhra Pradesh were : achieving 91 per cent of the allocated target for 2001-02; lack of coordination among different project implementing agencies; poor performance of the Biogas Development and Training Centre and lack of efforts to revive old non-functional plants.

(c) The corrective measures being taken are : scaling down allocation of physical target for Andhra Pradesh for 2002-03 with focus on quality construction and revival of old non-functional plants. Further, the State Government is being requested to set up a State level Coordination Committee for periodic reviewing NPBD; share lists of beneficiaries amongst different implementing agencies; display lists of beneficiaries in Panchayat Ghars; involve Gram Panchayats in the selection of beneficiaries and evolve an alternative institutional support for organizing training courses. Besides, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi has been assigned a study to determine the extent of installation and impact assessment of plants set up in four States, including Andhra Pradesh.

Power Generation Capacity of NTPC and NHPC

†136. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the NTPC and NHPC are engaged in power generation;

†The Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.